

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 6, penultimate line to page 7, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

A polymeric material used in the present invention, which comprises carbon or silicon as a constitutional element, is not particularly limited. Any material can be used, as long as it has biocompatibility and handlability. For example, fluorocarbon resin molded products such as expanded polytetra-fluoroethylene (ePTFE) or silicides such as ~~silicon~~ silicone can be used. Polymeric materials preferably used in the present invention may include expanded polytetra-fluoroethylene (ePTFE) and biodegradable polymers (e.g. polylactic acid, polyglactin, etc.). Of these, expanded polytetra-fluoroethylene (ePTFE) is particularly preferable.